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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Abstain from all appearances of evil. I Thessalonians 5:22

Youth On The Team

In spite of all the political science courses, the specialty schools designed to turn out able city managers, and the seminars and conferences, the best courses in government and/or community action remain matters of on-the-job training, the expensive school of hard knocks.

This was the idea behind the city's youth participation program whereby high school seniors and college students will be appointed to the several city statutory groups and city-constituted committees.

Via this means, a number of youths will get look-see into the various workings of city government—from low-rent housing to industry-seeking—and they will learn.

Elder folk are prone to prate about "today's youth are tomorrow's leaders" with overtones of lip service to the junior uninitiated.

Fact is, they're telling the exact truth, whether they believe what they say or not.

Look at it: today's 19-year-old a decade hence will be 29, with important roles in his church, in industry and commerce, in civic affairs and in government.

The city anticipates major dividends through this interesting innovation into the workings of the city, both today and in the days ahead.

Manager Is Needed

The new president of Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce reported to the membership Monday night that work is underway on the proposition of employing an executive secretary.

President Josh Hinnant's statement does not imply he is advancing a new idea but one that has not been tested.

Principal hurdle in the past has been the difficulty in marrying the organization's ability to pay with a man capable to handling a quite important job.

But the community has grown and is growing and the date of marriage should be nearing if not already at hand.

The policy-makers (officers and members of the board of directors) are equipped, by training and experience for their role, perhaps even for the "man" role a full-time executive fulfills. The joker in this deck is that the officers and directors have full-time jobs of their own, at bank, factory, hardware and drug store. If they do the "man" chores, they undoubtedly are neglecting the duties at the work which obliges them to pay Chamber of Commerce dues and, in fact, to eat.

The concept of a Chamber of Commerce is that it is a big tent where everyone is welcome, with the implication that the organization show a program of activity for the benefit of the community in every field of endeavor.

The Chamber of Commerce cannot do its full potential until a capable executive secretary is retained.

Congratulations: to Sergeant Keith, winner of the army's commendation service in Korea; to Chairman L. McGill and Vice-Chairman R. Tate, re-election by Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority; and Cameron Ware, vice-president of the organized North Carolina Horticultural Council.

Time is running out for annual tax filing. Indeed, two-thirds of the listing has passed.

Buy a city tag—on sale at the Armory.

The city board of commissioners meet Tuesday, expects to hold its session in the newly re-furnished session chambers, expected to be started in about ten days.

Running Off Business

It is no longer possible to board a passenger train in Kings Mountain.

And the same can be said for a vast and growing number of cities throughout the nation.

According to Time Magazine in a recent feature on the subject, the vast majority of the railroads want it that way. They want to forego the passenger business and are doing their best to drive would-be train riders to the buses and airlines.

Some items:

One member of the Interstate Commerce Commission was quoted as saying, it was the first time he's seen any business seek to economize by keeping dirty washrooms.

One West Coast line arranges its schedules to assure that passengers reaching one major railhead and going to another arrive 35 minutes late to make the connections.

Another puts its passengers on a bus for the final 50 miles of what once was a regular run.

One major rail president was very frank with the ICC. He said, "We want out."

Which is the why of the push to put the United States into the rail passenger business.

Senator White

A neighboring member of the General Assembly commented recently, "Jack White has the courage of his convictions and the respect of his colleagues. And they like him, too."

The Kings Mountain Senator's three-term record confirms the compliment.

It was further confirmed recently when Lieutenant-Governor Pat Taylor reappointed Senator White to the Local Government Study Commission, to which he was initially appointed by then-Lieutenant-Governor Bob Scott.

Senator White, incidentally, is quite proud of the work of the local government study commission and, more particularly, its record with the 1969 General Assembly in obtaining ratification of a great number of its recommendations, aim of which was to streamline and ease the red tape relating to operation of counties and municipalities.

Senator White has not failed to attend to the needs of his Cleveland-Gaston constituents in his three terms of able service.

Right Decision

The Supreme Court has ruled by 5 to 3 that local selective service boards cannot step up a 1-A registrant's call for induction because the registrant is an anti-war shouter.

It is a correct decision.

The speed-up business smacks of dictatorship and thought control.

As Mr. Justice Douglas wrote in the majority opinion, present laws would have to be changed to make such process legal—if then. Meantime, for those who refuse induction there remains due process of law through the courts.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

Columnist Jim Bishop was inspired this week to write a column about editors following the death of an elder editor friend.

He commented on the fact that, for the average reader of a large circulation newspaper, the names of ace reporters, columnists and feature writers might be household bywords, but they couldn't name the editor.

At any rate I've been taking some teasing about putting my mug on the front page of last week's Herald, which I did largely at the demand of fellow Public Housing Authority member Carl Wilson. You've published the others, including me, why not you? He further charged Lib Stewart has specifically ash-canned a group shot picture of some Legion and Legion Auxiliary folk because she was included in the picture.

But the bulk of the teasing has come in this vein, "How did it come in this picture? Trying to appear young?" There follows a guess-in-guess and I was feeling pretty good as most answers were six to seven years. Bob Maner took me to the cleaners, though, "I'd say 12 years," quoth Bob. Give him close. It was made 13½ years ago.

Saith the preacher (it is said): Do as I say do, not as I do. It has always been my contention (and still is) that everyone should have a picture struck every five years. Maybe I'll make a 15-year reunion with the picture man.

I was glad to see Lou Boudreau voted into baseball's Hall of Fame. I saw him play a couple of times and thought him a great shortstop. The personal connection is somewhat like that first cousin once-removed stuff. The guy who roomed next door to me at Columbia University mid-shipman's school had been Boudreau's roommate at the University of Illinois. Tex Emmons, having been middle-weight AAWU wrestling champion. I never figured out why "Tex" got his nickname. His hometown was Lawrenceville, Ill.

The folk had a good time at the annual banquet of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, as they were regaled with tales by Gene Tracy, a professional entertainer.

Zsa Zsa Gabor, he said, was forced to miss an engagement due to a heavy chest cold. "Those germs," Tracy averred, "sure know how to live it up."

Tracy contended he was born unlucky and inherited the malady. His father, a poor man, saved and saved and saved until he amassed a \$1000 to buy a burial lot. Two weeks later he drowned at sea.

I liked his story about the fellow who took a salesman's short course and sought a job at a haberdashery. The proprietor was impressed only by the applicant's insistence that he could sell anything. Could he sell that blue-green suit in the rack? Sure. Could he sell that lemon and gold lemon? Sure, he could. Could he sell that candy-stripe four-year-old? Sure! He could sell ANYTHING. The proprietor was in his office heard a customer inquire of the new salesman about a suit of clothes or two. He also heard considerable commotion. Later the new salesman staggered into the proprietor's office, his clothes half torn off, his nose and ear spouting blood. "I sold 'em," the salesman proudly declared. All three of the aged white elephants were gone. Had the customer offered much resistance, the proprietor wanted to know. "Oh, no," the mangled salesman replied, "but that seeing eye dog nearly tore me up!"

But the Tracy story I liked best was about the mother of two grammar grade lads who took considerable offense to her son's cousin's profligacy. At her wits' end, she visited her pastor to ask advice. She admitted to thrashing her boys at each of home. The pastor took the easy tone, suggesting she try the soft sell, the reasoning treatment.

Next morning the boys came down for breakfast. Sweetly, she asked the youngest what he wanted for breakfast. He replied, "I want some damn corn flakes." Mama lost her temper and slapped him into the corner. "Retaining her composure, she asked the older boy his menu. He replied with respect, "I don't want no damn corn flakes."

His Bird Of Paradise



Viewpoints of Other Editors

INQUIRY INTO CREATION

An inquiry into the creation of the solar system was conducted last week in Houston. The hundreds of scientists assembled there reached billions of years back into time to the primordial period when the very elements were first formed, when the sun and the planets were born. The meeting was unprecedented in the history of science; never before were the raw materials for such an investigation available — materials provided by the precious load of moon rock and dust brought back by the crew of Apollo 11 and Apollo 12.

The mystery of creation is so profound that it was predictable that the new facts from the lunar surface would raise at least as many questions as they answered. Thus it was not unexpected that the proponents of several radically different theories could find evidence that enabled them to hold fast to their views. Nevertheless, the area of uncertainty and ignorance has been diminished significantly.

At least three key facts have emerged which will have to be accounted for when and if a satisfactory explanation of creation is evolved. Judging by the evidence of the oldest lunar dust brought back, the moon was born about 4.6 billion years ago. Yet the oldest lunar rocks found so far are only about 3.5 billion years old, leaving a puzzling time gap of about a billion years for which there is no explanation.

Finally, it is now evident that the moon is an extremely heterogeneous body, with a peculiar chemistry of its own that is very different in many respects from the chemistry of the earth. This last fact makes it seem unlikely that, as some scientists have hitherto supposed, that the moon was once part of the earth but was torn away by tidal or other forces.

The proceedings of the Houston meeting suggest that the fruits of the Apollo flights will be productive indeed for science. But the complexity of the problems posed by the new evidence explains why scientists have been pleading for a slowdown in the schedule of Apollo flights. As Prof. Edward Anders of the University of Chicago observed, the scientists need time to sit and ponder the implications of the rich evidence that Apollo 11 and 12 have given them. This is no time to overwhelm them with evidence from numerous new flights.

The scientists' need for time makes it particularly fortunate that a tight budget is moving NASA toward the schedule changes the scientists want. Now that the first priceless lunar rocks and dust are available it is plain that the mystery of creation will be solved more readily by giving scientists time to think than by piling up more and more moon rocks, most of which may simply duplicate material and information already available.

MEDIOCRITY ENTHRONED

The pursuit of excellence may give meaning to the lives of some inhabitants of planet Earth. For Septimus Welch, a 54-year-old London carpenter, the desire to excel has meant only frustration. A British court has upheld an employer's right to fire Mr. Welch because the man's work-

SCIENCE UNCOVERS A DECLINING IQ

Diehard segregationists and racists of all stripes resort frequently to claims of inherited racial superiority.

Psychologists know, however, that although heredity may have a considerable effect on individual intelligence, it is usually less important than environment and education. In any case, no hereditary intellectual superiority can be shown to exist in one race compared to another.

A study of basic intelligence and development made among 344 black children in Mississippi has provided material for a revealing report just released by Dr. H. Jack Geiger of the Tufts University School of Medicine.

The study was made by Dr. Florence Halpern, a clinical psychologist, and Dr. Roy E. Brown, a pediatrician at the Tufts Delta Health Center at Mound Bayou, Miss. They made detailed physical, nutritional and psychological examinations of apparently healthy black infants between the ages of three months and three years.

Using the Gesell Development Scale, which measures basic components of mental functioning, they found the children had an average development quotient of 117 at the age of 13 weeks or under. This figure compared to a national norm of 100 for white children, they said.

The news is enough to give a white supremacist the screaming meemies, but does it really mean black children are more intelligent than white?

The real reason for the difference, Geiger suggested, is probably that weaker black children had already died, giving a better average to the stronger survivors. But what happened as the children grew older? Their scores declined, until by the time the children were three years old, they averaged 86 points compared to the white average of 100.

From an intelligence quotient actually higher than the white average, the black children dropped well below that average within three years. They had a plentiful supply of intelligence when they were born — not really more than the white children, but certainly not less. Their environment simply did not provide the stimulation intelligence requires.

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Old Salem, settled in the mid-18th century by the Moravians, has been re-created at Winston-Salem for visitors to observe the simple and devout way of life that the German descendants practiced.

COMMITTEES TO SPARE

Back in 1946 the congress decided that it had too many committees and approved the La Follette-Monroney reorganization bill, which cut the number sharply. That meant, of course, that senators and representatives had limited opportunities to become chairmen of committees. So somebody hatched the idea of creating subcommittees. Now there are 137 in the house and 114 in the senate. In the senate that is 14 more subcommittees than senators, so everyone could be a chairman if the senate wanted to make assignments that way.

Each committee and subcommittee fights for more money and more area of responsibility each year, in part to increase the prestige of the position of the members. But there are exceptions to everything. Two congressmen want to abolish the joint committee on disposition of executive papers, created in 1894. Nedzi (D-Mich.) and Pettis (R-Calif.) say that it has no understandable purpose.

Periodically, the members are handed long lists of numbers and asked to sign them. When Nedzi and Pettis asked what the numbers represented they got little explanation. When they asked why they should sign lists of numbers they were told that it had always been done that way. So they want their job abolished. Their unheard-of mission is a landmark in a congress that is setting a record for expanding committees and doing nothing about curbing them.

—Milwaukee Journal.

Some of the most picturesque from along the path of the Blue Ridge Parkway which winds a long average 3,000 foot elevation in Western North Carolina. "The Lost Colony," America's number one outdoor drama tells the story nightly each summer of the first English settlement in formed near Manteo on the very spot where Sir Walter Raleigh's colony landed in 1587 and then vanished.

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FILMS THAT AREN'T GROSS, GROSS

You're told that Hollywood makes so few family-type motion pictures these days because they aren't well attended.

But the entertainment magazine Variety in its Jan. 7, issue tells a different story.

Surveying big rental films of 1969, the magazine discloses that Disney's entirely innocent flick "The Love Bug" (released in January, 1969) has grossed \$17 million. "Funny Girl" (December, 1968) rates second with \$16.5 million. "Bullitt," on the bold side but hardly sordid, has racked up \$16.4 million since its release in January, 1969.

Then you have "Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid" (October, 1969) \$15 million; "Romeo and Juliet" (October, 1968) \$14.5 million; and "True Grit" (May, 1969) \$13.5 million.

Top grosser among the shock-type films was "Midnight Cowboy" (June, 1969) with \$11 million.

"Oliver" (December, 1968) so which at least keeps it several steps ahead of "I Am Curious—Yellow," the most shocking of them all, with a gross of \$6.6 million.

In these statistics, as you can see, there are a lot of dollar-yotes for motion pictures that are reasonably wholesome.

—Charlotte Observer.

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